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VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

VALUES

The Office of Public Health aspires to promote health for the people of Louisiana by providing leadership, being innovative, and focusing on prevention.

- We honor diversity and respect all people as individuals.
- We are dedicated to serving people and communities in a caring, compassionate manner.
- We are committed to excellence and continuous improvement.
- Through education, teamwork, and collaboration we strive to enable people and communities to improve their health.
- We strive for high ethical standards and integrity in all we do, pledging to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

VISION

We see a future where all the people of Louisiana are born healthy and have the opportunity to grow, develop and live in an environment that is nurturing, supportive, safe and that promotes the physical, mental and social health of individuals, families and communities, and the state. We see a future where the Office of Public Health is a key leader and influential partner in creating and sustaining a healthy and prosperous Louisiana.

MISSION

Our commitment is to enhance the quality of life in Louisiana by providing the information necessary for individuals to assume responsibility for their own health, by assuring the availability of basic health care services for those in need. Accomplishment of our mission relies on our ability to capitalize on the diversity of our population and our employees so as to develop healthy and happy communities.

The mission of the Office of Public Health is:

- To promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness.
- To enforce regulations that protect the environment and investigate health hazards in the community.
- To collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health.
- To provide leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state.
- To assure universal access to essential health services.

The Office seeks to accomplish its mission by providing a work environment where teamwork is valued, and where employees are encouraged to make collaborative decisions and are enabled to work to the best of their abilities.